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For the past several months the South China Board has
been indulging in the unlawful purchase and sale of foreign exchange at
black market rates. The Central (Shanghai) Export-Import Control Board has
been extremely honest in enforcing the exchange regulations which govern
import-export transactions and is greatly disturbed over action of the
Regional Office and the fact that SOONG has made no effort to comply with
the Central Government's regulations concerning the Board. There is now a
30% remittance rate (30% charge for remitting CNC dollars to Canton from
Shanghai) between Shanghai and Canton which is one indication that people
are interested in getting their CNC dollars to Canton. (Note: The
present remittance rate from North China to Shanghai is about 20%.)

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- "I am not only a Communist but a Bolshevik as well, and acknowledge only one principle: to serve the interests of my Party, regardless of what I do and where I work."

on 1 January 1947 his top Party chiefs had told him to resign his job as Director of the Central Committee of ~~Opfer des Faschismus~~ and to form the VVK, in order to create a new, camouflaged Communist organization.

2. The political character of the VVN, as it became clear in practice, is illustrated by the last International Advisory Council Meeting of the VVN [redacted] on 11 and 12 December 1947. The delegation from Berlin and the Soviet Zone were sent to this meeting with the instruction, made at the suggestion of Ottomar Geschke, that the mandate of Pastor Gruber [redacted]

This approval would have forced the SPD and the CDU members of the VVN into conflict with the attitude of non-cooperation with the Volkskongress adopted by their own parties. For this purpose, experienced Communist functionaries were sent as delegates to the [redacted] meeting:

Barthel, Walter, Secretary to Pieck.

Seigewasser, Hans, Secretary to Dahlem.

Schirlewahn, Karl, of SED Headquarters.

Kaddatz, Karl (who always remains in background)

Geschke, Ottomar

Gilber, Pastor (pro-Communist, personal friend of Geschke).

Meyer, Julius (SEN, representing Jewish interests; declared Coschke's proposal extremely bad politically).

Wolff, Jeannette (WFD; used in all VVN meetings as speaker, to stress non-party tone of VVN).

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